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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

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Crowle Urban District

FOR THE YEAR 1925.

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MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in presenting my Twelfth Annual Report on the Sanitary Condition of your District.

Population.

The Population of the District is 3,112.

The acreage is 6,224.

There are 771 houses, and 758 separate families or occupiers.

The rateable value is £8,576/10/-, and the land £6,651.

The sum represented by a penny rate is £49/12/.

Births.

The number of Births is 72 as compared with 67 last year, and 67 the year previous to that.

Of these Births 33 were males and 39 females.

The number of illegitimates was one, compared with two last year, and one the year previous to that.

The Birth rate is 23·4 per 1,000, compared with 21·76 last year.

Deaths.

There have been 38 Deaths during the year, compared with 33 last year and 41 the year previous to that.

The Death rate is 12·5 per 1,000.

The Births being 72 and the Deaths 38, there is a natural increase of 34, as compared with 34 last year.

Four persons died over 80, compared to 4 last

year. Four children died under one year, as compared with 2 last year.

The chief causes of death during the year were:

Heart Disease in its different forms, 8.

Cancer, 11.

Broncho-Pneumonia, 1.

Pneumonia, 1.

Tuberculosis, 3

Bronchitis, 2.

Influenza, 2.



Zymotic Disease.

During the year there have been a few cases of suspected Diphtheria, but the Diphtheric serum is always given in cases of suspicious sore throats.

There have also been

1 case of Erysipelas.

1 „ „ Scarlet Fever.

1 „ „ Puerpural Septicæmia.

3 „ „ Pulmonary Tuberculosis.

1 „ „ other Tuberculosis.

One died from Puerpural Septicæmia.

Disinfection.

The houses are disinfected with Formalin.

Housing Accommodation.

Four new houses have been built during the year, but there is still a demand for houses, and in a few cases overcrowding does exist.

Water Supply.

The houses are supplied by wells, tubs, cisterns, and tanks. During dry weather a scarcity of water does exist, but, in my opinion, if all the houses were properly spouted and the water saved, this scarcity of water would be very slight.

At the present time the Council are considering a water supply.

During three months of the year we were without a Sanitary Inspector.

Disposal of Refuse and Excrement.

The refuse is removed by the public Scavenger from each house every two months, and is finally deposited on the land.

There are 230 houses with pails, and these are emptied weekly.

No. of houses with W.C.'s, 9.

There are 6 Cesspools in the District.

Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milk Supply.

There are 16 Dairies and Cowsheds on the register. On inspection, no contravention was found. There are 43 milch cows in the District.

Slaughter Houses.

There are 6 on the register. Inspections are made monthly, and no contravention has been found.

Bake Houses.

There are two in the District. On inspection, no contraventions have been found.

Unsound Food.

None has been found.

Pollution of Rivers.

There are none in the District.

Common Lodging Houses.

There is only one in the District. On inspection, no contraventions have been found.

Offensive Trades.

None in the District.

Schools.

There are three:—Council School, National School, and Catholic School.

The Council School is being reconstructed and made up-to-date.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

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